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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/643,041

Applicant(s)

LUH ET AL.

Examiner

Dawn Garrett

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5,11-19,24 and 30-39 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,6-10,20-23 and 25-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the request for reconsideration dated December 5, 2005.

Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

2. The last species under consideration is allowable. That species is the following:

Formula I where Ar is aryl, B is aryl, R₁ is aryl, and R₂ is hydrogen.

3. The next species under consideration has been selected by the examiner and is the following:

Formula I where Ar is aryl, B is aryl, R₁ is hydrogen and R₂ is alkyl.

Claims 5, 11-19, 24, and 30-39 are withdrawn as non-elected claims. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 20-23, and 25-29 are under consideration.

4. The rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc., 122, p. 4992-4993 is withdrawn due to applicant's arguments regarding Lee et al. formula 11.

5. The rejection of claims 20-31 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mori et al. (US 5,281,489) in view of Lee et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc., 122, p. 4992-4993 is withdrawn due to applicant's arguments regarding Lee et al. formula 11.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

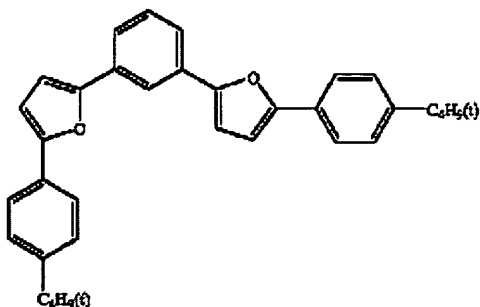
(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an

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international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1-4 and 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Oshiyama et al. (US 2003/0091860 A1). Oshiyama et al. discloses the following compound on page 26:



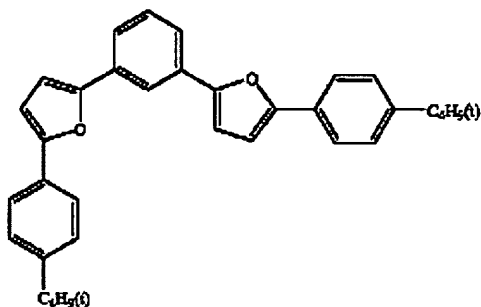
This compound anticipates the compound of claims 1-4 and 6-10.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 20-23 and 25-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oshiyama et al. (US 2003/0091860 A1). Oshiyama teaches the following compound as a fluorescent agent (see page 26):



Oshiyama teaches layers such as hole injecting layer, hole transporting layer, electron injecting layer, electron transporting, and light emission layers may constitute an EL element (see par. 118 and 134). Oshiyama teaches the hole transporting layer may comprising a fluorescent compound (see par. 130), although Oshiyama fails to teach specifically the furyl containing agent (shown above) in a hole transporting layer. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have included the taught furyl-containing compound in the hole transporting layer, because Oshiyama generally teaches the compound is a fluorescent agent and that a fluorescent agent may be included in the hole transporting layer.

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dawn Garrett whose telephone number is (571) 272-1523. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached at (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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December 9, 2005